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SUBJECT: OKINAWA EX GRATIA CLAIMS

REF: SYLVESTER/SHERMAN (DEPT) LETTER OF AUG 6, 1974

FURNESS/MCELROY (EMBASSY) LETTER OF OCT 23, 1974

1. SHEEHAN OF REAL ESTATE DIVISION, ARMY ENGINEERS, HAS URGENTLY REQUESTED RESPONSES TO A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS HIS OFFICE HAS RAISED OVER PAST YEAR AND HALF REGARDING PAYMENT OF EX-GRATIA CLAIMS UNDER ARTICLE IV OF THE OKINAWA REVERSION AGREEMENT. SHEEHAN STATES HIS HEADQUARTERS IS PRESSING FOR COMPLETION AND SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS PRIOR TO ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE OF DEC 1975. SEVERAL QUESTIONS RAISED BY SHEEHAN WERE MENTIONED IN ABOVE REFS AND ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. WHETHER EX GRATIA COMPENSATION WILL BE MADE IN DOLLAR DENOMINATION.

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B. WHETHER CLAIMANTS SHOULD BE INFORMED AS TO AMOUNTS TO BE PAID, PRIOR TO FORWARDING OF ENTIRE VALIDATED EX-GRATIA CLAIMS PACKAGE TO CONGEN.

C. WHETHER PAYMENTS OF VALIDATED CLAIMS SHOULD BE MADE IN INCREMENTS RATHER THAN DELAYING DISBURSEMENT UNTIL ENTIRE EX GRATIA CLAIMS VALIDATION PROGRAM COMPLETED.

D. WHETHER PERCENTAGE EX GRATIA PAYMENTS MIGHT BE MADE FOR CERTAIN LANDS DAMAGED BOTH BY COMBAT ACTIVITIES AND BY SUBSEQUENT USE (THIS WOULD HELP INCREASE TOTAL AMOUNT PAID).

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E. WHETHER AMOUNTS PAYABLE COULD BE INCREASED BY APPLYING

CURRENT COST-OF-LIVING PRICE INDEXES TO COMPUTATION INSTEAD OF
USING MAY 1972 (REVERSION) CPI.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE PROVIDE CONGEN WITH GUIDANCE ON
THESE POINTS ASAP. WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL IF WE COULD RECEIVE
RESPONSE PRIOR TO PABST-FURNESS-SHEEHAN MEETING SCHEDULED FOR
FRIDAY, DEC 20.

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